

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 24, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M.

The meeting was opened by announcing this was an open meeting of the Common Council. Notice of this meeting was given to the public at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by forwarding the complete agenda to the official City newspaper, The New Richmond News, and to all news media who have requested the same as well as posting. Copies of the complete agenda were available for inspection at the City Clerk's office and on the City's website at www.newrichmondwi.gov. Anyone desiring information as to forthcoming meetings should contact the City Clerk's office.

Roll call was taken.

Council Members Present: Mayor Horne, Aldermen Kittel, Lindell, Weinmeyer, Montello, and Volkert and Zajkowski

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Alderman Zajkowski moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman Kittel and carried.

Consent Agenda

- a) Application for Direct Seller's Permit from Karen & Kerrigan Storie with Sweet Treats Ice Cream Truck from June 25 through October 1, 2019, and a request to waive the fees
- b) Application for Extension of Premise from Bobcat's Bar & Grill for June 29, 2019, from Noon to 8:00 p.m.

Alderman Volkert moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Montello and carried.

SOAR Agreement

This agreement is between the City and school district. The School Board had some edits to the original agreement and those edits have been approved by the Airport Commission. The agriculture lot lease was not included with the agreement when presented to the Airport Commission. Discussion followed. Alderman Kittel moved to table this item until July 8, 2019, seconded by Alderman Montello and carried. The Airport Commission will need to address the lease prior to Council approval.

Squad Car/Body Cam Video System

New Richmond Police officers have been using body cameras from Getac on a trial basis for the past 60 days. They have been very easy to use, have excellent audio/video quality and are compatible with the mobile video cameras. Staff recommends approval to purchase the Getac System including six squad cameras, 10 body cameras, cloud storage, training, and warranties. Rae Ann Ailts explained that \$32,500 of the cost was budgeted for 2019. The Cloud storage annual fee is \$5,984 and can be absorbed into the general operating budget for the Police Department. The additional \$7,577 would come from the 2019 capital budget financing package. Alderman Montello moved to approve the purchase as recommended by staff with the cost not to exceed \$46,061, seconded by Alderman Kittel and carried.

Amendment to New Richmond Fire & Rescue Fire Service Contract and Protection Agreement

The Fire Board decided to leave the current contract in place and work on a new contract to begin January 1, 2020. No action was needed.

Knowles Avenue Corridor Study

Jeremiah Wendt gave an update on the Knowles Avenue Corridor Study. There have been three community meetings in this process. Jeremiah would like to engage businesses more in this process. Jeremiah will put together a list of the items that could be implemented for very little cost for the first phase of implementation. Discussion followed. This item will come back to the Council in October.

iCompass Update

Tanya Batchelor gave an update on implementation of iCompass for agenda management. Department heads had training last week on creating memos in iCompass. The City Council needs to leave their devices with Tanya so an application can be downloaded that will allow them to make their own notes on agendas. She will give Council members a short training on the new system when they come to pick up their devices. Staff will transition into iCompass during the month of July. Staff is also working on implementation of the video manager portion of iCompass.

Strategic Plan

Mike Darrow gave an overview of the strategic plan. The City's mission is to provide its citizens with reliable, efficient and economic public services. Our internal values are family-first and safety-first policies for employees and policy makers. Our external value is to provide for the overall health, safety and general welfare of our community. Several long-term goals include growth, safety, infrastructure, livability, community outreach, financial sustainability and community sustainability. Mike asked Council members to think about their goals. Mike will meet with each Council member and discuss their goals. He will also give community updates along the way. Council will discuss their goals at the August work session. The consensus was to come up with a five-year plan and to revisit it every year.

Communications and Miscellaneous

Joe Morales is selling fireworks in the parking lot at 243 Paperjack Drive. He was originally approved to sell on North Knowles Avenue, but received approval for the current location late and would like to stay there if possible.

There is a watermain break on South Knowles Avenue by Bakken Young. The Alert New Richmond system has been very effective in getting the word out to people right away. A detour will be necessary; more information will be available in the coming days. The canine officer and Storm were a part of a team that received first place at a field trial. All four officers on the team did an amazing job.

Alderman Montello moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Zajkowski, and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Tanya Batchelor
City Clerk